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GROWTH FACTOR (VEGF)  
NUCLEIC ACID LIGAND  
COMPLEXES

EXAMINER: Z. Tomer

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Dear Sir:

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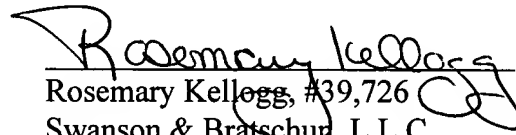
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Additional references have been cited in copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/434,465 and 08/464,443, and the Examiner is invited to consider these references. Applicants have reviewed over one hundred references and have determined that the references cited in this PTO Form 1449 are the most relevant. Applicants believe that the other references are cumulative or less relevant than the ones that have been particularly pointed out in the PTO Form 1449.

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